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a. Soybeans: The Chinese Communist Government wants to make a commitment to sell 100,000 tons, but it claims that, because of rail difficulties, it can only deliver a maximum of 20,000 tons a month to Qairan. It expects to be able to deliver only 12,000 tons a month for April and May. Jardine will only commit itself for 35,000 tons of soybeans at a time, though the government is trying to get Jardine to take the total of 100,000 tons.

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b. Coal: The government would like to export at least 500,000 tons, but exports are limited by poor railroad transport to the coast. The government wants bids on large quantities in order to determine what coal will have preference on rail transport. The government admitted that it is not doing as well as it had hoped on coal exports. January coal production of the Kailan Mining Administration was over 450,000 metric tons, a new peak under the Communists.

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c. Salt: The government would like to export 350,000 metric tons and is asking for large bids.

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ATTACHMENT

Soya Beans

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Tons : 100,000

Payment : Upon signing of contract, a deposit of US \$1,500,000 has to be placed. An irrevocable letter of credit to be opened by buyer and upon shipment of goods the amount will be deducted from the deposit accordingly.

Date of Shipment: Immediately (20,000 tons per month).

Price : US \$120 per ton.*

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Percentage : Perfect round 93%
Moisture 13%
Broken refuse, under 3%
Oil content 16.50% to 18%

Name : Manchurian Soya Beans

Coal

Hsian Coal

Fouhsin Coal

Moisture (水份)	7.89%	10.11%
Carbon (炭份)	15.53%	10.69%
Impurities, loose coals (揮?物)	40.02%	31.92%
Lump coal (固宜炭)	36.47%	47.28%
Caloric heat (?熱量)	9562 Btu/lb.	11576 Btu/lb.
Sulphur (硫黃)	0.56%	0.71%
Color (炭之顏色)	(土炭色)	Reddish brown (紅棕色)
Cohesion (粘性)	Nebulous (粘結)	Non-nebulous (不粘性)

Salt

Port Arthur, Dairen

Sodium vaporization (氯化鈉)	86.37%
Sodium sulphate (硫酸鈉)	0.86%
Magnesium vaporization (氯化鎂)	3.18%
Moisture, H ₂ O (水份)	8.56%
(水不溶物)	0.98%

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* ☐ Comment. The government will accept US \$113.75 a ton.

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